And what shall I sing As I stand at the looms That ceasologaly ring? The best that I am new .-Yes, that I will bring.

liright hope for the better-

You, that will I sing. And I'll tond well the looms That conselemly ring. -- Edward A. Horton.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



If he sold it to buy a new car of a who for 49 years was her companion larger type. It is whispered that Coun- in life. of investing in an auto of the latest did see both Gray Dort and McLaughlin men in earnost confab with him lately. If I didn't know Acton so well, and these City Fathers so intimately. for their honor and integrity. I'd be seriously inclined to put the high taxes and the new cars together. But of course such a thought is absurd in who peruse this column presided over

away with the small country fairs. chinson, of Penatanguishene: They say they're unnecessary and Toronto fair takes the place of them all Toronto Fair may have all the sights of the world. It may have over the cows I knew whose beasts they ence to. were. There was Dick Brown's anispecial interest other than being fine Guelph, who were the champions of animals, but when I look at pens of Canada at that time. them at Acton Fair and know who raised them, and know him well, why it makes all the difference in the world.

can be done up in ten minutes, but usually occupies half, the afternoon, Nothing will ever compare with it And we had a good one this year too, kewpie dolls, doughnuts, red hots and everything. . And the merry-go-round. Why, if it had only gone, the small boy's delight (and some of the bigger ones too) would have been unsurpass-ed. As it was that pile of lifeless wooden horses attracted lots of atten- think of is your worthy postmaster,

The city folks may laugh at our little fair, but I notice they all like to get here every year for it, and have real Penatanguishene, Sept. 23, 1919. solld enjoyment . I had the time of my life. I don't think I missed anything from the log cabin quilts to the big pumpking and Billy Landsborough's oldest postmaster in America. chickens, and I didn't see one soul that wasn't enjoying the fair to the limit. May the country fair never go out of existence, is my carnest wish, as each Joseph and Jack. year it seems to grow better and more popular.

I have received numerous comments. favorable and otherwise, direct and indirect, respecting my recollections of events of days of long ago. Some of my elderly friends claim that my memory is at fault, and that occasionally statements are made in this column respecting old-time events which do not give their mental record of facts. Well, I do admit that my forgetter is sometimas busier than my rememberer. However, my old brain has been at work for a long time and occasionally I guess the cobwebs get over the cor- ply.

If all my critics as to facts were as kind and courteous as the writer of the following letter from Montreal, which crated up in a knock-down shape but was handed me by the Free Pages fully exposed to the elements? No editor last Thursday, I'd really feel amount of grease and paint can engood over it, and not worry so much tirely eliminate depreciation under over what the literary call, I think, my these conditions, and rust is inevit-

lapsus lingus. Here's this kind and interesting opi-

Editor Farm Passa

Dear Sir- thave roud with great interest the contributions to your journal of our esteemed "Old Man in the Tower," and although not a resident of your charming little town it is yet to me a place of great importance, as the sequel will show:

In his letter of this wook, one item shows a little hesitancy on his part to would otherwise arise are "nipped in say all he appears to know, and I will the bud" and never gain strength thank you for permission to make it enough to stand up, if we may use a clearer. "The Old Man" describes the mixed figure. Just the simple practice old G. T. R. station itself correctly, of boing reasonable. Think of IL but in speaking of the entourage uses Reasonableness. my name inadvertently I am sure, as being on the job, and omits the one that was and alludes to a young lady

without giving any name. The name emitted was John Euard and he was of Montroal. Your esteemod postmaster, with whom John stopped, should be able to verify this statement, but I was at that station and I beg further spade to explain the circumstances, vis: When I was say 16 years of ago I was engaged for a couple of large houses here, in Montreal as Yepresentative for certain lines, and being in Toronto at the end of the week, and knowing the Baturday closing rule, had a half day of leisured I remembered that un' old ness increase your resistance take Scott's Emulsion often. friend, with whom I had spent many pleasant hours in connection with the Good Templars, had accepted a subordinate job with the G. T. R. at Acton

west for that place.

My intention on leaving Toronto was to return in the evening, so as to be ready for early work on Monday. My triend on being made aware of my intentions would not bear of this proposition. I consented to remain. This was on the platform outside of the

Almost immediately after arrival, on looking towards the village, I saw coming four people, a young lady and a gentleman leading. My friend left me and running to the lady and calling her unide, explained a little joke to her. that would require her to acknowledge the young man at the station which was myself, as her old friend. This proposition she fell in with with all the vivacity of youth, and I was too shy then to most a young lady under those circumstances. I got into the private room of the ugest. She entered and saluted me with the words, "How are you Jolinnie," and I of course, acknowledging it, said "flow are you, Lizzie." This explains my first acquaintance with Miss Lizzie Cameron, the young lady referred to in the paragraph

My intentions to return to Toronto that evening were at once cancelled, and at about 6 p.m. that day I again saw my friend at Mr. James Matthews where he was stopping, and as a further offset to the joke the boys outside (sometimes called "Euard's brigade") were having a big time shaking hands. I presume some of the old men of today in Acton will remember this event. This accidental meeting at the station ripened and developed into other fields of feeling, and within three years may 1869, the nuptials were performed between myself and the young lady alluded to, Miss Lizzie Cameron, by Rev. Jos. Unsworth, in the old Methodist Church, and one of Acton's finest girls

But I must now change the scene About a year-age, both of us in good health, talked pleasantly over our golden wedding, or 50th anniversary, soon Some queer thoughts run through my to occur. But the ruthless hand of crantum these days. The other morn- the monster death interfered and on ing I saw Councillor Leishman driv- Easter Monday of this year we placed ing a brand-new Dodge car. The her in the beautiful Mount Royal same evening Councillor Beardmore cometery, there to await the call of the came along with a fine new Sedan. A trumpet, regretted by a large circle of fow weeks ago Councillor Bell advert friends and sorrowing family, and tised his splendid Maxwell, intending respecially by the young man of 1267,

became my bride.

cillor Dr. Gray has serious intentions I fear I have asked for too much space and would beg to apologize for Improved pattern. Only the doughty so doing, and also to the Jolly "Old Reeve seems to be satisfied to get along Man in the Tower" for directing his with his Ford, but let me whisper, I attention to such a trilling error in inserting the wrong name,

Yours very truly. JOSEPH LUTTRELL Montreal, Heptember 20, 1919.

This highly interesting recital will be read with keen interest by those by the "Old Man of the Clock Tower." And here's another from our old friend Every so often there is talk of doing and esteemed former citizen, Jack Hut-

Dear Friend: I have been very much interested in the letters you publish from "The Old the million mark every year but be- Man in the Tower" but I think there lieve me, it will never take the place are some of his statements a little in of a real country fair. Why, bless my error. In last week's letter he stated heart, I've been to Toronto Fair and that Mr. Jos. Luttrell, of Montreal, marched around till my old legs wob. | was employed at the station. He never bled and have never seen a balf dozen | worked there and was in business in people I knew. I saw more old faces Montreal at that time. There was a of friends in ten minutes at Acton | man from Montreal (who I believe was Fair than in a whole day in Toronto. a friend of Mr. Luttrell) there for a Then, Jimminy all Hemlock! look at short time, if I remember correctly his the exhibits. I knew pretty near every name was John Ewart, possibly this exhibitor there. When I went to see is the party the "Old Man" has refer-

"The Old Man" told in a former letmals and Neil McLean's herd and so ter of the first game of baseball played on. And the races had Jack Powers between the Maple Leafs of Guelph and Gracie, etc. and nearly every one and the old Pastime team of Acton. of them from within twenty miles of the score was 112 to 12. I believe I town. And when I viewed the sheep cm an authority for the correctness I knew John Robertson's stock and of the score as I played in that game. the pens of hogs belonging to James amongst whom were Mike Speight, Stark or Albert Young .- Why, - man John Moore and Frank Coats. This alive, there's twice the fun looking at | was the first game the boys played the exhibits when you know who they after organizing, and although the belong to. I could see miles of pens score was enough to discourage us. of shoep at Toronto Fair and when I we stayed in the game and were able get through looking at them they're to hold our own with any of the surjust sheep, all varieties, but of no rounding teams with the exception of

> My membry goes back to the fittles when Acton could boast of a Vigilance Committee which undertook to imzens, amongst whom were Pat Malloy and another man by the name of Hervey, who were treated to a coat of tar and feathers and then given an I have been trying to make out who the "Old Man" can be whose memory goes back so far and is still living in Acton, and the most likely one I can

with your able assistance. Yours very truly,

Wrong again! Postmaster Matthews denies the charge; even if he is the This will amply suffice for this week. I sincerely reciprocate the good will and interest of my old-time friends,

THE OLD MAN

CLOUD-ROOFED IMPLEMENTS anywhere from wheel barrows to hay loaders out in the fields or barnyards without any roof to protect them from the elements frequently comment on the shiftlesoness of the owner. And, since machinery will depreciate more by standing around in the westleor for one year than by years of in-

telligent use, shiftletsness is a term

that may more or less accurately ap-But what of railway freight platforms where at almost every season of the year implements may be found able. That is not shiftlessness, but I is chroleseness.-Farmers' Bun.

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It cannot be repeated too often that alcohol in any form is not only of no use as medicine, but that it is positively harmful. It leasens the power of the system to defend itself against the germs of disease, and when sick it lessens the power of the system to fight and conquer the germs that caused the iliness. The sooner the pub-He fearn those plain facts, the better it will be for both nation and individual. If we persist in encouraging discase of course we must cease to exist as a nation. That has been proved by Government commissions in several countries. Physicians have often wontered why so many of the children of oln strong parents should either die or grow up nervous weaklings to the

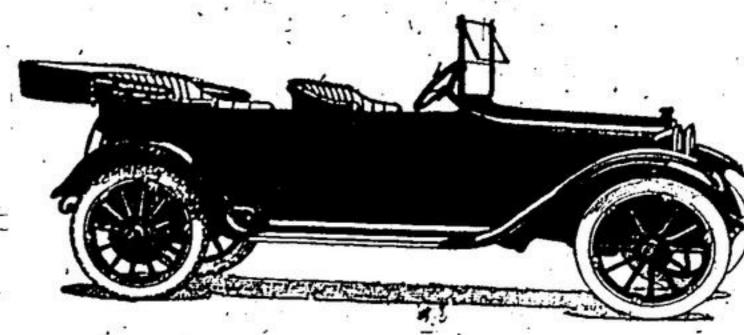
third and fourth generation. Dr. McNichel, head of the Itoosevelt Commission, put this matter very forcibly when he said that if the United States did not soon overcome the liquor truffle "some more virile ruce will possess this country." That's strong anguage, but not too strong, and we ave a pretty good idea of the people my own profession have been slow to

see the baneful effects of alcohol used as a medicine. The trouble was that like bleeding or oplum, it gave tempeter orary relief. After a patient with pleurisy or pneumonia was bled until he fainted, when he came to, he was free from pain, as much as if he had been given a hypodermic of morphia. but his chance of recovery was lessened by more than one half. Alcohol leasens the chance of recovery in about the same proportion. Dr. Weish, of Johns Hopkins University, said at a meeting of the American Association of Physicians, "alcohol in any form, or in any dose, lessens a patient's chance of recovery." There were present nearly six hundred of the ablest medical men in the United States and Canada, and there was not a dissenting voice. The greatest Boards of Health and the greatest medical association to-day agree that alcohol should not be used as medicine.

H. ARNOTT, M.B., M.C.P.B., Toronto, September 26, 1919.

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MANY PUT TRUST IN THE UNKNOWN

Never Satisfied With Those Things With Which They are Familiar-Inclined to Take a Chance

CURIOUS TRAITS IN HUMAN NATURE HAVE MADE POS-SIBLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT MAIL ORDER HOUSES

A curlous trait lu human nature makes itself apparent very frequently. That is an inclination to trust in the unknown rather than in that with which one is familiar. A person is very apt to take a chance, even though he may know that the odds are 100 to one against him, instead of being satisfied with lesser rewards about which there is

no possibility of doubt. but there is something more in it than that. There is in it the unexplained tendency on the part of most people to reach for the chimerical and ignore the tangible and substantial thing which is near at hand. Man is seldom satisfied with those things that are within his grasp, but is reaching always for the unattainable. Too often, he loses that which he might easily gain by blindly pursuing that which is always just out of his reach.

WHY "CON" MAN THRIVES Coupled, in a way, with his faith in the unknown is the tendency on the part of so many people to place confidence in a stranger in preference to one who is known and has been tried and proven. It is this tendency which makes possible the operations of the "con" man, the get-rich-quick artist, the unscrupulous promoter and the aslesman of worthless mining stocks. The man who would not think of trusting lift Jones, his next-door neighbor and fellow church member, will confidently turn over his life's savings to a stranger who unfolds a tale of riches to be won. Bill Jones might talk his head off in behalf of a legitimate proposition without getting a dollar where the slick stranger with his worthless proposition can get thousands.

It is those two tendencies which, apparently, are so vividly provalent among all chases of people that have made possible the success of the great mult order houses in the big cities. A knowledge of psychology is as important to the mail order man us a knowledge of business practices. He plays upon these tendencies of man to take a chance, to trust in the unknown, to place confidence in the stranger rather than the friend.

HOPE TO DRAW PRIZE

Those Who buy merchandise from a mall order house are moved partly, whether they realize it or not, by that truit in their nature which prompts them to trust in the unknown rather than in that with which they are familiar. They are hoping, it may be unconsciously, that they will draw a prize. They do not know what they will get, for it is impossible for no one knows what he is going to get when he orders merchandles from a picture and a highly colored description in a catalogue. He is taking a chance on the unknown.

Buying merchandise from the local merchant, on the other hand, contains none of these elements of chance that enter into the dealings with the mail order house. When one buys a stove front the hardware store in his home town, he may get none of the thrills that come from taking a chance but he will get a stove that will last longer and keep him warmer than the one that he might get from the mail order house and to the average individual, these things are likely to be mure important than the thrills.

USING YOUR EYES

When you buy from the local merchant you see the thing that you are buying, you inspect it carefully, examine the workmanship and the quality of the material of which it is made and in many cases you have the privilege of testing it before paying for it. You have not only your own eyes and knowledge of values to rely upon, but you have the advantage of the udvice of the merchant who has an expert knowledge of the merchandise which he is selling and who, in 99 cases out of 100. can be relied upon to tall the truth about it. Then you have the guarunter that is backed not only by the retail merchant, but in many cases by the manufacturer. If the article which you buy does not prove satisfactory after it is given a fair test, you can take it back to the store where you bought it, in most cases, and get your money back. The retailer may get his money back from the manufacturer but if he doesn't he stands the loss. In any event, you are protected.

Why a person will place his confidence in a stranger rather than friend or will trust in the unknown ruther than in that which istangible, is something that is hard to understand. Even the mail order house does not pretend to know why it is so but it accepts conditions as it finds them and makes the most of the opportunities that they offer.

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